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1. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT BOTH TCHANQUE AND TIGOUÉ ARE INVOLVED WITH CREATION OF DEVELOPMENT BANKS, BOTH THEIR POSITIONS AND THSN ORGANIZATIONS THEY REPRESENT DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY. TCHANQUE IS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CLOSELY INTEGRATED FOUR-STATE REGIONAL CUSTOMS UNION WHICH IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC COOPERATION ACTIVITIES WHEREAS TIGOUÉ IS DIRECTOR OF ONE OF SEVERAL SECTIONS OF OCAM, A MORE INFORMAL, LOOSELY-KNIT INTER-AFRICAN ORGANIZATION COMPRISING SOME TEN COUNTRIES WHOSE PRINCIPAL COMMON DENOMINATOR IS FRENCH LANGUAGE AND SEMI-INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS AIR AFRIQUE.

2. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SOME ASPECTS OF TCHANQUE PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE USEFULLY INCLUDED IN TIGOUÉ'S ITINERARY. AMONG THESE ARE CALLS ON EX-IM BANK AND OPIC OFFICIALS AND, AT DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION, ON APPROPRIATE AID OFFICERS. WASHINGTON SCHEDULE SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH IBRD. CALLS SUCH AS TCHANQUE MADE ON MAJOR PRIVATE BANKERS IN KEY FINANCIAL CENTERS SUCH AS NEW YORK AND CHICAGO MIGHT ALSO BE WORTHWHILE.

3. OCAM IS NOT CUSTOMS UNION SO TIGOUÉ NOT INTERESTED AND SHOULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED FOR VISITS TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AS WAS TCHANQUE. QUANTON

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